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Subject: Resilient St. Vrain Project

In coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City of Longmont has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Resilient St. Vrain project to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, Executive Order 12898 and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10).

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings and other structures. The City of Longmont has identified the need to mitigate future flood events associated with St. Vrain Creek in Boulder and Weld counties between Airport Road and State Highway 119. The proposed project is intended to increase the capacity of the existing channel to convey storm runoff and thereby minimize flood damage to improved property in a resilient and sustainable manner. All required federal, tribal, state and local permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction.

FEMA and the City are also consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding potential adverse effects to the historic BNSF Railway Bridge, which will be replaced as part of the proposed project.

The draft EA is available for review and comment on the Resilient St. Vrain website (<http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/water/stormwater-drainage/resilient-st-vrain>) and at the Longmont Public Library (409 Fourth Avenue, Longmont CO 80501).

Public comments are being accepted on both the draft EA and potential adverse effects to the historic BNSF Railway Bridge. The public comment period is from March 30, 2016 to April 29, 2016. Written comments on the draft EA can be sent to Nick Wolfrum, City of Longmont Public Works & Natural Resources, or Rick Myers, FEMA Region VIII Deputy Regional Environmental at the following addresses:

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Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

Sincerely,



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